(iii) re; **Affairs at the Taluk Agricultural produce Marketing Society, Gubbi.**

Sri H. D. DEVE GOWDA.—Madam Speaker, it has been decided to take up this matter for two and half hours discussion in the Business Advisory Committee. Since this subject has been included in the agenda, I call the attention of the Minister for Co-operation to the unsatisfactory affairs of the Taluk Agricultural Produce Marketing Society, Gubbi.

Sri C. N. PATIL (Minister for Co-operation).—I state as follows.

It is true that the affairs of the Taluk Agricultural Produce Co-operative Marketing Society, Gubbi, Tumkur District are not in a satisfactory condition for the last one year. The main features of unsatisfactory working relates to :

(i) the defects pointed out in the audit report of the society for the year 1972-73 ;

(ii) the strained relations between the Secretary of the Society and the Committee of Management.

Some of the defects pointed out in the Audit Report are as under .

(1) The Society has not invested Reserve Fund of Rs. 42, 385 outside the society's work as required by Rule 232 of the Karnataka Co-operative Societies Rules.

(2) The Society failed to raise share capital from members,matching the Government contribution of Rs. 1,13,000/-. The member share capital was only Rs. 25,365, the gap still being Rs. 67,635. This violates the conditions of sanction of share capital.

(3) The Committee persistently failed to convene the General Body Meeting, before September, as reqired under section 27 of the Karnataka Co-operative Societies Act. The General Body Meeting for 1970-71 was held on 30-1-1972 and for 1972-73 was held on 30-1-1974.

(4) The President has been allowed to act without regard to the rules. Produce loans have been issued to non-member in clear violation of the provisions of the Section 60 of the KCS Act. 1959.

Subsequently, on the basis of complaints received by the department, the accounts were again inspected through the Cell Auditors, the Asst. Registrar of Co-perative. Societies. This inspecton report reveal the following grave irregularities.

(1) The Directors have been drawing T.A. and D.A. without specific provisions in the by-law ; and

(2) Heavy stock shortages amountin to Rs. 39,035-69 were noticed.

(SRI C. N. PATIL)

On the basis of these reports the Joint Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Bangalore issued a show-cause notice on 10th June 1974 under section 30 of the Karnataka Co-operative Societies Act asking the Committee of Management to show-cause why the Committee should not be superseded. The Joint Registrar of Co-operative. Socities also issued another show-cause notice under rule 16 (2) of the K.C.S. Rules 160 to the President to show-cause why he should not be disqualified from the post of president. Replies to these show-cause notices have been sent by the Committee of Management and the President to the Joint Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Bangalore, who is considering further action in the matter.

Strained Relations :

No departmental officer had been posted to the Society to work as Secretary from 10-2-1973 till 4-3-1974. On 4-3-1974 one Shri M. Rudrappa, Senior Inspector of Co operative Societies was posted and assumed charge as Secretary to the Society. presumably, by that time since there were rumours about shortages of stocks, Shri Rudrappa hesistated to take over charge of stocks. The relation between the Secretary and the Management continued to remain rather strain. In the meanwhile, stock verification has been done by the Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies and the cell Auditors and the shortages as indicated were noticed.

On 26-6-1974, a Dharna Satyagraha, by some members of the Society was staged before the Office of the Asst. Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Tiptur, complaining against Shri Rudrappa, Secretary of the Society and saying that the departmental officers were siding him. Immediately, the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Tumkur accompanied by the Additional Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies visited the spot and had discussions with the Satyagrahiees. Consequently, he ordered an enquiry into the allegations made by the Satyagrahees. The Additional Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies conducted the enquiry and submitted the report on 9-7-1974. The main allegations of the Satyagrahees are briefly as under :

(i) The Secretary kept the stores run by the society closed for about 3 months on the plea of stock verification but was selling goods to non-members through back door;

(ii) Resolutions passed by the Committee of Management were not being implemented by the Secretary ;

(iii) The Secretary ignored the President and was drawing his own salary and was paying salaries of the staff without approval of the President ;

(iv) The Secretary issued notices only to 12 persons who had obtained produc loans as against 41 against whom the Committee had resolved to issue notices ;

(v) The Secretary did not lift controlled commodities other than sugar.

The enquiry report show that though other allegations were not proved, the Sacretary was not prompt in carrying out the resolutions of the Committee of Management even in justifying cases giving an impression that he was disobeying the decisions of the Committee of Management. The Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies had admonished the Secretary and had given suitable instructions.

It is presumed that the relations are now smooth.

Message from the Chairman, L. C. Announcement

10-00 A. M.

MADAM SPEAKER.—I have received the following message from the Chairman, Legislative Council as required under Rule 106 of the Rules of Procedure I forward herewith the Karnataka Land Reforms Bill 1974 which has been agreed to by the Legislative Council without any amendments.

Clarification of Notice on Miscellaneous Subjects

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಬಂಗಾರಪ್ಪ (ಸೊರಬ).—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೇ : ನಾನೂ ಮತ್ತು ವಿರೋಧಪಕ್ಷದ ನಾಯಕರೂ ರೂಲ್—156 ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ.....

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ನಾನು ಅದನ್ನು ಪರ್ಯಾಲೋಚನೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ಆತುರ ಆಗಬೇಡಿ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಟಿ. ಕೃಷ್ಣಪ್ಪ.—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೇ ; ನಾಗಮಂಗಲ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಜನರಿಗೆ ಈಗ ಕುಡಿಯುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ನೀರಿಲ್ಲ, ತಿನ್ನುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಅನ್ನವಿಲ್ಲ, ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಉದ್ಯೋಗವಿಲ್ಲ.....

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ದಯವಾಡಿ ಇನ್ನು ಅರ್ಧ ಗಂಟೆ ಬಿಟ್ಟು ನನ್ನ ಛೇಂಬರಿಗೆ ಬಂದರೆ ನಾನು ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಫೈಲನ್ನು ತರಿಸಿ ನೋಡಿ ಹೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಅಲ್ಲದೆ ಇದೇ ವಿಚಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಒಂದು ಸ್ಟೇಟ್‌ಮೆಂಟನ್ನು ಮಾಡುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಆನಂತರ ನೋಡೋಣ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೋಣಂದೂರು ಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ.—ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೇ ತಮಗೆ ನಾನು ನೆನ್ನೆಯ ದಿವಸ ಒಂದು ನೋಟೀಸನ್ನು ಕಳುಹಿಸಿಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೇನೆ. 'ದೀಪದ ಕೆಳಗೇ ಕತ್ತಲಿದೆ' ಎನ್ನುವಂತೆ.....

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಅದೇನು ವಿಷಯ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ಹೇಳದೆ, ಸುಮ್ಮನೆ ಒಂದು ನೋಟೀಸನ್ನು ಕೊಟ್ಟರೆ ಆಯಿತೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೋಣಂದೂರು ಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ.—ರೇಸ್ ಕೋರ್ಸ್ ರಸ್ತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಂಬರ್ 33 ನೇ ಮನೆ ವಿಚಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೋರ್ಟು ಒಂದು ಆರ್ಡರನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿದ್ದರೂ ಅದನ್ನು ಧಿಕ್ಕರಿಸಿ ಪೋಲೀಸಿನವರು ದೌರ್ಜನ್ಯ ನಡೆಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ.....

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಈಗ ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಅದನ್ನೆಲ್ಲಾ ಮಾತನಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಅವಕಾಶವುಂಟೇ ?